

Glossary

140% Rule: If upon re-certification, a low-income Tenant's income is greater than 140% of the applicable income limit adjusted for family size, the unit will continue to be counted toward satisfaction of the required set-aside, providing that unit continues to be rent-restricted and the next available unit of comparable or smaller size in the Development is rented to a qualified Low-income Household.

20%/50% Test: 20% or more of the residential units must be rented to Households with aggregate Gross Income of 50% or less of the area median Gross Income adjusted for family size.

40%/60% Test: 40% or more of the units must be rented to Households with aggregate Gross Income of 60% or less of the area median Gross Income adjusted for family size.

15%/40% Test: 15% or more of the residential units must be rented to Households with aggregate Gross Income of 40% or less of the area median Gross Income adjusted for family size.

Annual Household Income: Annual Income of all persons who intend to permanently reside in a unit.

Annual Income: Total Current Anticipated Income to be received by a Tenant from all sources including Assets for the next twelve (12) months.

Annual Income Re-certification: Document by which the Tenant re-certifies his/her income for the purpose of determining whether the Tenant will be considered low-income according to the provisions of the RHTC Program.

Applicable Fraction: The Applicable Fraction is the lesser of a) the ratio of the number of low-income units to the total number of units in the building or b) the ratio of the total floor space of the low-income units to the total floor space of all units in the building.

Applicable Credit Percentage: Although the Credits are commonly described as 9% and 4% credits, the percentages are approximate figures. The U.S. Department of the Treasury publishes the exact credit percentages each month.

Application: Form completed by a person or family seeking rental of a unit in a Development. An Application should solicit sufficient information to determine the applicant's eligibility and compliance with federal and IHFA guidelines.

Assets: Items of value, other than necessary and personal items, which are considered in determining the eligibility of a Household.

Asset Income: The amount of money received by a Household from items of value as defined in HUD Handbook 4350.3.

Authority: Indiana Housing Finance Authority



Certification Year: The twelve (12) month time period beginning on the date the unit is first occupied and each twelve (12) month period commencing on the same date thereafter.

Compliance: The act of meeting the requirements and conditions specified under the law and the RHTC Program requirements.

Compliance Period: The time period for which a building must comply with the requirements set forth in Section 42 and the Declaration of Extended Low-Income Housing Commitment.

Correction Period: A reasonable time as determined by the Authority for an Owner to correct any violation as a result of noncompliance.

Credit: Tax Credit as authorized by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Credit Period: The period of ten (10) taxable years during which credit may be claimed, beginning with:

- 1) the taxable year the building is placed in service; or
- 2) at the election of the taxpayer, the succeeding year, but only if the building is a Qualified Low-Income Building as of the close of the first year of such building, and remains qualified throughout succeeding years.

Current Anticipated Income: Gross anticipated income for the next twelve (12) months as of the date of occupancy that is expected to be received by the Tenant(s) including Imputed Income.

Declaration of Extended Low-Income Housing Commitment: The agreement between IHFA and the Owner restricting the use of the Development during the term of the RHTC Extended Use Period.

Development: Rental housing development receiving a RHTC allocation.

Effective Date of Tenant Certification: The date the Tenant Income Certification becomes applicable. For initial Certifications, this date must be the move-in date of the Tenant. For annual Re-certifications, this date must be no later than one year from the Effective Date of the previous (re) certification.

Effective Term of Verification: A period of time not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days. A Verification is valid for ninety (90) days, and may be updated orally for an additional thirty (30) days. A Verification must be within the effective term at time of Tenant's Income Certification.

Eligible Basis: The Eligible Basis of a qualifying Development generally includes those capital assets incurred with respect to the construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition in certain circumstances, of the property, minus non-depreciable costs such as land and certain other items such as financing fees. While it may not include any parts of the property used for commercial purposes, it may include the cost of facilities for use by Tenants to the extent there is no separate fee for their use and they are available to all Tenants. It may also



include the cost of amenities if the amenities are comparable to the cost of amenities in other units.

Eligible Basis is reduced by an amount equal to the portion of a building's adjusted basis which is attributable to non low-income units which exceed the average quality standard of the low-income units unless the cost of building the market rate units does not exceed the cost of the average low-income units by more than 15% and the excess cost is excluded from Eligible Basis.

Eligible Basis is further reduced by the amount of any federal grants applied towards the Development, and, should the Owner so elect, it may be reduced by "federal subsidies" to take advantage of the higher applicable RHTC percentage. It is determined without regard to depreciation.

Eligible Tenant: The current tenant of the unit, so long as that tenant is eligible to occupy the unit under the requirements of Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. This expressly includes a tenant whose income would not currently qualify under Section 42, but who was qualified at the time of tenant's original occupancy of the unit.

Employment Income: Wages, salaries, tips, bonuses, overtime pay, or other compensation for personal services from a job.

Extended Use Period: The time frame which begins the first day of the initial 15 year compliance period, on which such building is part of a qualified low-income housing Development and ends 15 years after the close of the Initial Compliance Period, or the date specified by IHFA in the Declaration of Extended Low-Income Housing Commitment.

Fair Market Value: An amount which represents the true value at which property could be sold on the open market.

First Year of the Credit Period: Either the year a building is placed in service, or, at the Owner's option, the following year.

Gross Income: See Annual Household Income.

Gross Rent: Maximum amount that a Tenant can pay for rent before deducting a utility allowance. **Note:** The Owner must be aware of the year in which the RHTC allocation was made and the specific guidelines that refer to the calculation of gross rent for those years, i.e. 1987, 1988, and 1989 RHTC allocations base gross rent on the actual number of persons residing in the unit.

Household: The individual, family, or group of individuals living in the unit.

Imputed Income: The estimated earnings of Assets held by a Tenant using the potential earning rate established by HUD.

Income Limits: Maximum incomes as published by HUD for Developments giving the maximum Income Limits per unit for Low-Income (40%, 50% or 60% of median) Units.

Initial Compliance: The 12 month period commencing with the date the building is placed in



service. Note: Developments consisting of multiple buildings with phased completion must meet the set-aside requirements on a building by building basis with the 12 months commencing with the individual date each building is placed in service.

Initial Compliance Period: A fifteen (15) year period, beginning with the first taxable year in which Credit is claimed, during which the appropriate number of units must be marketed and rented to RHTC eligible Households, at restricted rents.

Inspection: A review of a Development which may be made annually by IHFA or its agent, which includes an examination of records, a review of operating procedures and a physical inspection of units.

Lease: The legal agreement between the Tenant and the Owner which delineates the terms and conditions of the rental of a unit.

Low-Income Household/Tenant: Households whose incomes are not more than either 50% or 60% of the median family income for the local area adjusted for family size.

Low-Income Unit: An unit in a building if:

1. Such unit is rent-restricted (as defined in subsection (g)(2) of IRS Section 42 of the Code);
2. The individuals occupying such unit meet the income limitation applicable under subsection 42(g)(1) to the Development of which such building is part;
3. The unit is suitable for occupancy, available to the general public, and used other than on a transient basis.

Management Company: A firm authorized by the Owner to oversee the operation and management of the Development and who accepts compliance responsibility.

Maximum Allowable Rent Calculation: The Maximum Allowable Rent Calculation includes costs to be paid by the Tenant for utilities inclusive of heat, electricity, air conditioning, water, sewer, oil, or gas where applicable (does not include cable television or telephone).

Maximum Chargeable Rent (Net Rent): Gross Rent less Utility Allowance paid by the Tenant.

Median Income: A determination made through statistical methods establishing a middle point for determining Income Limits. Median is the amount that divides the distribution into two equal groups, one group having income above the median and one group having income below the median.

Minimum Set-Aside: The minimum number of units that the Owner has elected and set forth in the Declaration of Low-Income Housing Commitment to be income and rent-restricted.

Owner or Developer: Any individual, association, corporation, joint venture, or partnership that owns a RHTC Development.

Placed in Service Date: For buildings, this is the date on which the building is ready and available for its specifically assigned function, as set forth on IRS Form 8609.

Qualified Allocation Plan: The plan developed and promulgated from time to time by IHFA,



which sets out the guidelines and selection criteria by which IHFA allocates RHTC.

Qualified Basis: The portion of the Eligible Basis attributable to low-income rental units. It is equal to the Eligible Basis multiplied by the Applicable Fraction. The amount of Qualified Basis is determined annually on the last day of each taxable year.

Note: This is the lesser of the Applicable Fraction/Occupancy Percentage:

- a. the proportion of low-income units to all residential rental units; or
- b. the proportion of floor space of the low-income units to the floor space of all residential rental units.

Qualified Low-Income Building: Any building that is part of a qualified low-income housing Development at all times during the period beginning on the first day in the compliance period on which such building is part of such a Development and ending on the last day of the compliance period with respect to such building (Section 42(c)(2)(A) of the Code).

Qualified Unit: A unit in a Qualified Low-Income Building occupied by qualified persons at a qualified rent.

Section 8: Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as Amended.

Student: Any individual who is, or will be, a full-time Student (as defined by the institution) at an educational institution with regular facilities and Students, other than correspondence school.

Tax Credit: The Tax Credit amount is calculated by multiplying the Qualified Basis by the Applicable Credit Percentage. The credit percentage, determined monthly, changes so as to yield over a 10 year period, a credit equal to either 30% or 70% of the present value of the Qualified Basis of the building. An Owner may elect to lock in the Applicable Credit Percentage either at the time a Commitment is made by IHFA, or at the time the allocation is made.

Tenant: Any person occupying the unit.

Tenant/ Unit File: Complete and accurate records pertaining to each dwelling unit, containing the Application for each Tenant, Verification of income and Assets of each Tenant, Annual Income Re-certification, utility schedules, rent records, Lease and Lease addendum. Any authorized representative of IHFA or the Department of Treasury shall be permitted access to these files upon receipt by Development Owner or Management Company of prior written notice of not less than two calendar days.

Utility Allowance: The amount of utilities, for a particular unit, set by a Utility Allowance schedule which is published by HUD, Rural Development, or PHA, or a letter from the utility company which states the rates (see IRS Notice 89-6).

Verification: Information from a third-party which is collected in order to corroborate the accuracy of information about income provided by applicants to a Development.



